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State prison inmate dies

Pierre, S.D. - A state prison inmate at the South Dakota State Penitentiary has died.

Ronald Talarico, age 54, died of apparent natural causes Friday, October 21st.

Talarico was serving a ten-year sentence for Grand Theft and three consecutive ten-year sentences for 3rd degree burglary out of Meade County. He also received an 8-year consecutive sentence for escape out of Minnehaha County.

An autopsy will be conducted. The Division of Criminal Investigation is investigating the death, as is customary in the death of an inmate.

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